

Immigrant *Ethmia quadrillella* (Goeze) (= *funerella* Fabr.) (Lep.: Ethmiidae) in Kent

On 10 August 2004 two examples of this ethmiid were recorded on the east coast of Kent at Kingsdown (N. Jarman) and Folkestone (A. Butcher). These were the first county records of the species for over forty years and coincided with a period of significant immigrant activity in the county at that time that included the first Kent records of *Cydia amplana*. *Ethmia quadrillella* is not a coastal species but one associated with freshwater wetland and damp woodland, and it seems apparent that these records were the result of immigration.

Other members of this genus also occur from time to time away from known populations and suitable habitats. *Ethmia bipunctella* occasionally occurs inland or from coastal localities outside its known range suggesting vagrancy or immigration, while recent coastal examples of *Ethmia dodecea* in Kent have been regarded as immigrants. It seems the ethmiids are one of the more mobile microlepidoptera genera and it is surely likely that the few British examples of *Ethmia pusiella* were arrivals from the continent.

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Bedstraw Hawk-moths *Hyles gallii* (Rott.) (Lep.: Sphingidae) breeding in Shetland and feeding on *Fuchsia* in the wild

On 8 September 2003, eight year-old Ian Sandison found a Bedstraw Hawk-moth larva *Hyles gallii*, feeding on *Fuchsia* in his grandparents' garden at Symbister on Whalsay, Shetland. It was reported to me by his father Robert Sandison, who e-mailed photographs. They kept it for a few days, feeding it on *Fuchsia*, before releasing it back where it was found, but another larva was found in the same garden during this time. Two other larvae were also reported in Shetland in September 2003, one watched crawling across the Sumburgh airport runway, at the south end of Mainland Shetland, presumably looking for a pupation site, and another found on *Fuchsia* at Weisdale in central Mainland and reported in the local newspaper, The Shetland Times. There is only one other confirmed breeding record of Bedstraw Hawk-moth in Shetland: a larva found crawling across road on Fetlar on 14 August 1992 which pupated in captivity and produced an imperfect imago in April 1993. The species is a scarce migrant in Shetland. There were five adults recorded in July and August 2003 and, in the ten years previously there had been just 29 records, 22 of which were in 1998. Although it has been noted that *Fuchsia* will be accepted by larvae in captivity these would appear to be the first recorded instances of Bedstraw Hawk-moth using this plant in the wild.— M. G. PENNINGTON, 9 Daisy Park, Baltasound, unst, Shetland ZE2 9EA. (E-mail: mike@pennington.shetland.co.uk)